

Page 7, line 1, change "Patent claims" to -- I claim: --.

In the Claims:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

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Claim 4 (amended). The closure member as claimed in [one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, characterized in that the closure member (1) has a molded recess (8) that enables the closure member (1) to be opened like a hinge.

Claim 5 (amended). The closure member as claimed in [one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, characterized in that the closure member (1) has an upper lip (9) that comes to rest over the edge of the installation opening (4).

Claim 6 (amended). The closure member as claimed in [one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, characterized in that the closure member (1) has a lower lip (10) at least at the point furthest away from the extension (6), said lower lip sliding under the edge of the installation opening (4) after the closure of the installation opening (4) by the closure member (1).

Claim 7 (amended). The closure member as claimed in [one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, characterized in that the edge of the installation opening (4) in a housing (2a) has an offset (12) on which an upper lip (12a) of a closure member (1a) can be placed so that the latter can be arranged in a recessed manner on the shift mechanism (3).